

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending. No claim has been allowed.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office has requested a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121: Group I (claims 1-15), drawn to a method of producing a fungal antigen; Group II (claim 16), drawn to fungal antigen per se; Group III (claims 17 and 38-42), drawn to devices comprising the fungal antigens; Group IV (claims 18-27), drawn to a method for detecting antibodies using fungal antigens; Group V (claims 28-30 and 33), drawn to methods of production of an antibody; Group VI (claims 31, 32, 34, and 35), drawn to antibodies that bind fungal antigens; Group VII (claims 36 and 37), drawn to method for detecting fungal antigen in a sample; and Group VIII (claims 43-46), drawn to devices comprising antibodies. Applicants hereby elect Group IV (claims 18-27), without traverse.

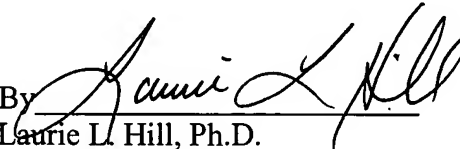
Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 524902000200. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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